

Mrs. Lukes, Local YWCA Director, Resigns Sept. 1

Resignation of Mrs. Charlotte Lukes, branch director of the Torrance YWCA is effective September 1, was received at the last meeting of the Branch Committee on Administration.

Mrs. Lukes in her letter of resignation expressed her feelings that with the termination of her work in Torrance next September she would be completing a unit of progress in the association. Mrs. Lukes has been with the Torrance YWCA for six years having been employed in September of 1949 by the Harbor District YWCA Board to work in Torrance. When she came to the local YW it was a program center with a small office on Post Street. They then moved to office space on Sartori and from there to the present Branch building made possible by the Junior Women's club and other community cooperation. Six years ago there was one small administrative committee and two Y teen clubs. Today there is a Branch Committee on Administration, 10 Y teen clubs, three adult clubs, Streamliners, YWives, and a Stork Club in addition to the other administrative committees necessary to the operation of a branch. In addition the building is now paid for and

has the essentials in furnishings. There are at present 283 adult members and 330 Y teens.

Since Mrs. Lukes has been the branch director, the Harbor District Board of Directors has employed Mrs. Otis S. Blackstone to work on membership and public relations and Marian Fatout, to work with teenagers, both on a part time basis.

Mrs. Lukes' plans for the future are to spend a year at the University of Southern California, studying religion and social work and in conjunction with her husband's plans, to spend two years in travel and service with the American Friends Service Committee. After this period she expects to return to some phase of YWCA work.

The vacancy has been filled with the National YWCA Personnel Services Department. Papers on new candidates will be reviewed by the local personnel committee of which Mrs. A. E. Palmer is chairman.

BAPTIST GROUP HAS MEETING

Mrs. H. D. Revelle presided at the regular monthly business meeting of the Baptist Women's Mission society Thursday afternoon, March 17.

Devotions were conducted by Mrs. Jessie Hise and Mrs. Martha Garrison sang "The Lord's Prayer."

A quartet composed of Mmes. Lois Stanley, Martha Garrison, Claudine Schultz and Bonnie Medved sang followed with a skit presented by Mmes. Marjorie Cummings, Alice Holtzclaw, Bernadine Schmidt, Clara Mae Brack, Margaret Dykes, and Virginia Scott. Mrs. Martha Garrison gave a monologue.

GUILD PARTY

A birthday party honoring all natal days of members of the college guild of the Western Avenue Baptist Church will be given by Mrs. E. Ethel Roberts at her home, 2532 Senator Ave., Harbor City. The event will be held April 2.

Local Nurses At State Meet

Returning from the spring convention of the California State Nurses Assn. held March 7, 8 and 9 at Hotel del Coronado, are Helen Scott, Rose Smith and Louise Le Jue.

The three local nurses attended the meetings and sessions held during the three-day convention at which time the important issue of an increase in salaries for nurses was discussed. Board of directors approved a motion by CSNA sections which would establish a new minimum of \$285 for general duty, which is a \$10 increase, and 3-6-10 per cent for industrial nurses, with a possible raise from \$14 to \$15 for private duty, 8-hour period. Public health nurse 5 5-10 per cent.

Speaking before the nurses was Mr. Robert Gros, public relations head for the Pacific Gas and Electric, who spoke on the importance of Formosa to the free world. Dr. James B. Enoch, of State Department of Education, cited the need for more nurses and schools to meet the growing population of the state.

For the banquet held Tuesday evening, Florence Grimm, Bessie Gray and Lois Doherty joined the local group for the event.

ATTEND CHURCH CONFERENCES

The first in a series of parish life conferences for Episcopal churches in the Los Angeles diocese has been opened in Pacific Palisades.

Attending this series, which began March 18 and continued until March 20, are Mrs. Kirk Jelf and Mrs. Minnie Solomon of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Also attending several of the meetings was the church pastor, the Rev. Arthur Bello.

Another group of meetings will be held from March 25 to 27. Object of the meetings is to organize the various activities of the church as well as inspirational and educational programs.

SPEECH STUDENT ADDRESSES CLUB

Bob Chapline, speech major at El Camino college was the guest speaker at the meeting of the Torrance Gardens Sororist club Tuesday at noon at 18301 Evelyn Ave., Gardena. His topic was "Words that Sing." Chapline had the lead role in "Allegro" which will be presented at the college, June 2, 3, and 4.

Edith Ennis, president, conducted the business meeting. Rachel Williams of the Inglewood Sororist club was a guest.

Baby Shower Given for Mrs. McVey

A stork shower honoring Mrs. Kenneth W. McVey was given by Mrs. Donald Meier at her home, 3822 W. 176th St. Friday evening.

Appropriate "baby" games were played. In a word scramble game, first prize was won by Mrs. Wilson Willey. In a "baby" telegram game the prize was awarded to Mrs. John Carlson. Mrs. V. J. Genereux collected the most "booties" for the evening.

The honoree was then presented with a shower of gifts gaily wrapped in pink and blue. Refreshments were served from a beautifully arranged table centered with a cake decorated with booties, rosettes and a baby picture.

Enjoying the lovely party were Mmes. A. F. McGill, Mary Fitzgerald, James Nichols, Wilson Willey, Lloyd Waggoner, George McPheters, V. J. Genereux, S. F. Hoffman, Eugene Phillips, Willard Waddell, John Carlson, Alvin Simpson, Donald Moline, John Linn, Richard Greenwald, and Ward J. Bartholomew.



OPENING THE GIFTS... at the pretty pink and blue shower given by Mrs. Donald Meier complimenting Mrs. Kenneth McVey are from left, Mrs. Meier, Mrs. McVey, Mrs. V. J. Genereux and Mrs. John Carlson. The shower was given at the Meier home, 3822 W. 176th St.

PTA ACTIVITIES

Elementary

Torrance Elementary School PTA is happy to announce the two recipients of life memberships which were presented at the February meeting.

Mr. Ray D. Anderson, Scout leader, received a life membership award for his outstanding work in youth groups. He has been most active in Scouting and has given more than generously of his time and energies. His active leadership has been an inspiration to everyone in this work. In this instance it cannot be said that he was working only for his own children, because his son is still several years under Cub Scout age. He modestly stated that he really did nothing at all, and highly praised the Den Mothers as he accepted the award. Mrs. Dora L. Heinlein received a life membership award for her outstanding leadership in PTA work and her devotion to the aims and principles of youth guidance. While Mrs. Heinlein has been active in PTA work for only the past three years, she has served as grade level chairman, ways and means chairman, and is of Torrance Elementary School currently serving as president PTA.

El Nido

Observing Fathers Night at the El Nido PTA meet Wednesday, March 9, the fathers took charge of the meeting. Serving as officers were president, P. E. Mellor; vice-president, R. K. Petrat; secretary, Paul Foster; treasurer, Harold Sexton; parliamentarian, Thomas Crutcher; ways and means chairman, Kevin P. McManus; program chairman, John Huback; hospital chairman Jack Kelly and Harley Smith.

Several dances were given by Mrs. Hebert's second graders. "Trains" was the subject of the program given by Mrs. Crain's second grade class who sang several songs and showed a movie which they had made.

Election of officers highlighted the business session. New leaders are Mrs. John Huback, president; Mrs. William McArthur, first vice-president; Mrs. William Bergeron, second vice-president; Mrs. Harley Smith, secretary; Mrs. A. C. Crockett, treasurer; Mrs. Harold Sexton, historian and Jack Kelly, auditor.

Walteria

Almost a hundred people enjoyed the pot-luck dinner served by Walteria PTA Thursday night, March 10. Serving started at 6 o'clock in the school auditorium, and following the dinner the association meeting was held.

Following the topic of the meeting, "Fathers are Parents Too," a spelling bee between the eighth grade students and their fathers was held. Roderick McDaniel, eighth grade teacher, conducted the spelling bee with the fathers emerging as the winners.

Another enjoyable feature of the evening was a barber shop quartet with Nicholas Deilan, James Hamilton, Edward Shew, and R. McDaniel, all teachers from the school, singing four selections. Miss Patricia Cleary played the piano.

Election of officers was held during the business meeting conducted by Mrs. C. W. Johnson. Those elected were: Mrs. C. D. Jackson, president; Mrs. C. W. Johnson, first vice-president; Alfred Artuso, second vice-president; E. B. Pfau, recording secretary; Mrs. R. F. Maynes, treasurer; Mrs. Henry Dora, financial secretary; Mrs. Dora Lewis, auditor; and Mrs. Carl Cramer, historian.

Mrs. Charles Jackson read a thank you letter from the Baptist Children's Home in Inglewood for the clothing donated to them. A safety report about the stop sign to be installed at 242nd St. and Ocean Ave. was given by Mrs. Henry Pink.

Men of the faculty served the refreshments following the meeting. Room prizes were won by James Hamilton, Mrs. Florence Porter and Mrs. Zelpha Maynard.

Evelyn Carr

Board meeting of the Evelyn Carr Elementary PTA Unit was held March 15 at the home of its president, Mrs. Eldon Morgan. A report was given by Mrs. Seth Worden, Library Chairman, stating that the Donald Robison Memorial Library now has 457 books. Mrs. J. A. Jensen, recording secretary, gave the board an account of the T.E.C.A. meeting she attended on March 14.

The regular monthly meeting of the Carr Elementary PTA Unit will be held March 22 at the school. Program for the evening is called "Expanding Horizons" and will be in the form of colored slides and tape recorder comment on the method of teaching Social Studies in the Torrance School System. The program was prepared by teachers, Mrs. L. Robinson, R. Dunworth and Mrs. L. Shelton. Election of officers for 1955-56 will take place at this meeting.

Scout Trails

Brownie Troop 698 held its flyup ceremonies Wednesday, March 9, when five of their members were received into Scout Troop 831 by 14 members and their leader, Mrs. T. Bowers. Those receiving wings and world pins from Brownie leader Gladys Funk, were Carol Salcido, Melinda Dams, Donna Steadman, Lonnie Venable and Tammi Sue Shimmel. Both troops repeated their promises and pledges and entertained with songs. Refreshments were served by the hostess group.

Troop 698 recently enjoyed an all day outing at the Torrance Park. Games were played and hot dogs and drinks were served.

During the recent cookie sale the troops sponsored by the Women of the Moose, sold the most in the Torrance area, top salesman being Sandra Ruggles with 128 boxes.

Aprons are being made as their latest project and will be worn by the girls when they serve at a Mothers Tea. Meetings are held every Wednesday afternoon at the Moose Hall.

Troop 1295 held a Court of Awards Thursday evening, at the Verburg Dairy Rumpus Room. Deanna Woodruff and Cynthia McWhiter were invested into the troop.

Second class badges were received by Myrna Oanes, Bonny McWhiter, Nancy Mooney, Cynthia McWhiter. First class badges went to Linda Epperson, Diane Holehick, Pat Bergurg, Leora Kohler, Linda Millard, Dickie Stanfield. Bards were awarded to Sonja Pesola, Carla Siegrist, and a five-year pin went to Leora Kohler.

A total of 71 proficiency badges and 14 special badges were earned in the troop.

The girls entertained their parents with musical numbers and dance routines. Mr. and Mrs. Vergurg served ice cream cake in the Girl Scout colors at the close of the meeting. Mrs. Mooney and Mrs. Vergurg made the troop flag. Mrs. Pesolas Turner is leader.

Parents of Girl Scout Troop 1719, held a meeting on Wednesday, March 9 at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Lee Florence. 21047 Amie St.

The girls are under the sponsorship of the Torrance Mount Police and representative of the Equestrians, Sergeant D. G. Cook and Officer R. G. Redwisch showed a film on "Narcotics."

The leaders, Mesdames Thomas Sney, William Bremer, R. G. Colerman, welcomed the parents. Refreshments were served.

Meadow Park

Meadow Park PTA board met recently at the home of Mrs. James Anagnost, 25505 Marjorie Ave., with the new president Mrs. William Posner in charge.

Mrs. Robert Atha, ways and means chairman, reported on the teachers' luncheons. Mothers who served during February were: Mmes. L. A. Barney, V. G. Langford, P. C. R. A. C. R. E. Denison, Jack Thomas, James Anagnost, John Saraceni, Betty Carpenter, Bud Sorenson and A. L. Westerlin.

The school paper drive is being held today. Those having paper to be picked up are asked to call Mrs. John Black, Mrs. Lois Barney, Mrs. Harold Turner or Mrs. Vera Child.

Crenshaw

A rag and paper drive will be staged tomorrow by the Crenshaw PTA at the school from 7 a.m. until 4 p.m. Anyone wishing papers and rags picked up are asked to call Mrs. William Drake or the school.

Mrs. Edward Rhone, auditor, Mr. L. Steffy.

Mrs. Nash, recording secretary, announced that the PTA had made a contribution to the American Field Service.

A "buzz session" followed the business meeting. This proved to be a very interesting and worthwhile meeting as some very pertinent questions arose for discussion among the various groups. Such questions as: What can we do to get more parents interested in attending our PTA meetings? How does PTA help to create a better understanding between student, parent and teacher? What more can be done to better prepare our students for college?

Senior parents were hosts for the evening under the supervision of Mrs. William Speck, hospitality chairman.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for May.

High School

Torrance High School PTA held its regular meeting last Tuesday evening in the school cafeteria.

The group was entertained by a brass quartet of high school students under the direction of Mr. Baum.

New officers for the coming year were elected as follows: president, Mrs. J. L. Hinds; first vice-president, Mrs. Charles Curtiss; second vice-president, John Shea; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Phillip Humphreys; recording secretary, Mrs. William Scholl; treasurer, Mrs. K. R. Ruffel; histo-

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